

Lord will wipe away tears from off all faces.' To Sergeant Reyes's wife, Christina, and his two young children, his mother Tomasa and his brother Roger, the thoughts and prayers of an entire Nation go with you during this difficult time. Luis served this Nation with honor and distinction and has left all of us forever in his debt. For that, we all offer our humble thanks.

TRIBUTE TO SPECIALIST GREGORY L. TULL

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I rise today to honor one of our country's bravest, SPC Gregory L. Tull of Pocahontas, IA. Specialist Tull sadly died November 25, 2005, after an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee in Al Anbar province in Iraq. Specialist Tull served with the Iowa Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 194th Field Artillery based in Storm Lake, IA. He was only 20 years old.

I ask that all Americans join me in remembering and honoring Specialist Tull. He was an upstanding and courageous soldier who fell far before his time. Our country has survived these many years due to the brave men and women who have served in our Armed Forces, and it greatly saddens me to announce that another young man has made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and for the freedom of Iraq.

LTC Gregory Hapgood of the Iowa Army National Guard remembered that Specialist Tull was "a good guy that didn't shrink from responsibility," and was someone who "wanted in on the action." During this crucial time in America's history, we should all remember Greg Tull's courage and dedication to his country.

We should also stand with Specialist Tull's parents, Eileen and Gary, and his brother, Bryan, and all his family in their time of grief. Our thoughts and prayers also go out to Gregory's friends, classmates, and all others who were lucky enough to know him. Greg Tull did not die in vain, but rather gave his life defending America and promoting freedom around the world. He will be sorely missed but also fondly remembered.

WORLD AIDS DAY

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, December 1, was World AIDS Day, and I wanted to take this time to both acknowledge the good work that is done around world to prevent and treat this disease and to acknowledge the need is still great around the world and in our own country to fund prevention, treatment, and support.

AIDS kills 3 million people each year, and 13,500 people are newly infected each day. AIDS has already left 15 million orphans in its wake. The theme of World AIDS Day 2005 was "Keeping the Promise." To date, the United States has led the world in contributions to the Global Fund, providing one-third of all contributions. However, the statistics tell us that while we have come far, we still have

far to go in preventing this tragic disease, including here at home.

We have experienced many medical miracles in the form of drugs that help people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS live healthier longer. Yet, we seem to be able to fund less and less of the services that help individuals stay healthy and maintain the structure of their lives.

I was recently visited by constituents who were either HIV positive or had full-blown AIDS. They told many moving stories about how their lives had been made better by programs that help them get health services, pay for their drugs, rent and provide other support services. Many of these programs are through the Ryan White Act.

The unmet need grows daily. For example, in Portland, the Russell Street Dental Clinic provides about \$60,000 worth of services to HIV patients each month compared with about \$15,000 a month 3 years ago. In 2003, a study was released that documented the service gaps in Oregon. The list of services for which there is not enough funding to meet the need is long and includes dental care, help with legal affairs, counseling, housing and help in paying rent or utilities, and transportation.

Despite an increased number of people living with HIV/AIDS, Ryan White funding has decreased. Many of the programs my constituents tell me help them are through Title I of the Ryan White Act. This title provides the vital core services of Medical care, mental health and substance abuse treatment, dental care, and case management.

The Oregon AIDS Drug Assistance Program has had to change eligibility and take other steps to limit enrollment because of budget constraints. This program helps individuals with their drug costs. I view it as a wise investment because it helps people stay healthier, working, and productive.

What I have heard from my constituents is sheer frustration that the programs they know work are yet again on the chopping block. I share their frustration. An investment in health care, whether abroad or in our own country, an investment in a community and in making that community healthier. I hope Congress keeps this in mind as we face difficult decisions about funding in the future.

I ask unanimous consent that my remarks be printed in the RECORD.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR PAKISTAN

Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, this past year, the world has witnessed multiple natural disasters including the tsunami in South Asia and Hurricane Katrina in the gulf coast. Most recently, the devastating earthquake that struck northern Pakistan in early October has been equally catastrophic. More than 73,000 people were killed in the immediate aftermath, while tens of thousands more were wounded. Just as troubling, millions more have been left

homeless having lost their life's possessions in this tragic event.

As Pakistan approaches the bitter winter months, many are still without adequate shelter. The United Nations estimates that at least 350,000 will remain in the mountainous regions of Pakistan through the winter and will require sufficient food and materials to winterize their tents in order to survive. Exacerbating the situation is the recent cancellation of helicopter sorties that deliver humanitarian relief due to deteriorating weather conditions. In addition, UNICEF is conducting a massive immunization campaign to vaccinate individuals from the measles following an outbreak at a camp outside of Muzaffarabad in early December. For all these reasons, it is imperative that countries honor their commitments to this ravaged country to ensure humanitarian relief is provided to the victims of this tragedy.

To date, the international community and private industries have pledged aid for relief and reconstruction, and the United States has led the effort. After recognizing that our original pledge of \$50 million would be inadequate to assist the victims, the United States substantially increased the amount of aid to Pakistan by pledging a total of \$510 million.

In addition, the United States has provided rescue teams and aircraft to assist in locating victims in remote areas. The U.S. military has helped deliver humanitarian supplies, as well as evacuating casualties from the region. Currently a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital, MASH, unit has been established in the most devastated parts of the country to perform urgent surgery and attend to less critical patients.

While I applaud these efforts, we should remember that Pakistan has been a critical ally in the war on terror. Unfortunately, our image in the Muslim world has been distorted through propaganda and misperceptions of America's intent in the Middle East. Humanitarian aid can assist in dispelling these myths and will clearly demonstrate that the American people are deeply compassionate toward all those in need.

With the upcoming winter months, it will be vital that the international community continue to honor the commitments it has made to Pakistan. I believe that the United States should lead these efforts. We have a moral obligation to reach out and assist those who are so desperately in need, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure the victims of this earthquake receive adequate humanitarian assistance.

ALLOWING A CONTINUING FRIENDSHIP

Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to discuss the future of Air Force TSgt. Jamie Dana and her working military dog Rex.